AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0023] If, in step 14S, as the resupply of water continues, the sensed water level of the step 13S indicates an excessive water level variation with respect to the stored value, i.e., a variation greater than a predetermined value, or if the current water level reaches a desired level, a user-selected washing step is executed in a step 15S. Here, a relatively low -frequency variation in water level would indicate the presence of a siphonic phenomemon.